

Public Charter Schools (GC0)

The mission of the District of Columbia Public Charter Schools is to provide an alternative, free education for students who reside in the District of Columbia.

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| Proposed Operating Budget (\$ in thousands) | \$50,591 |

| Fast Facts | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed FY 2001 operating budget for the Public Charter Schools is \$50,591,287, an increase of \$22,706,524 over the FY 2000 budget. During FY 2000, the public charter schools increased enrollment by nearly 100 percent, from approximately 3,500 to approximate 6,980. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In FY 2001, the public charter schools are estimating a student population of approximately 11,919, an increase of 4,939, or 70.7 percent, over FY 2000. |

FY 2001 Proposed Budget by Control Center

The basic unit of budgetary and financial control in the District's financial management system is a control center. The Public Charter schools are comprised of one control center that serves as the major component of the agency's budget, with each school as an area of responsibility.

FY 2001 Proposed Budget by Control Center

(Dollars in Thousands)

D.C. Public Charter Schools

| Control Center | Proposed FY 2001 Budget |
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| 0010 DC CHARTER SCHOOLS CONTROL CENTER | 50,591 |
| GC0 D.C. Public Charter Schools | 50,591 |

Agency Overview and Organization

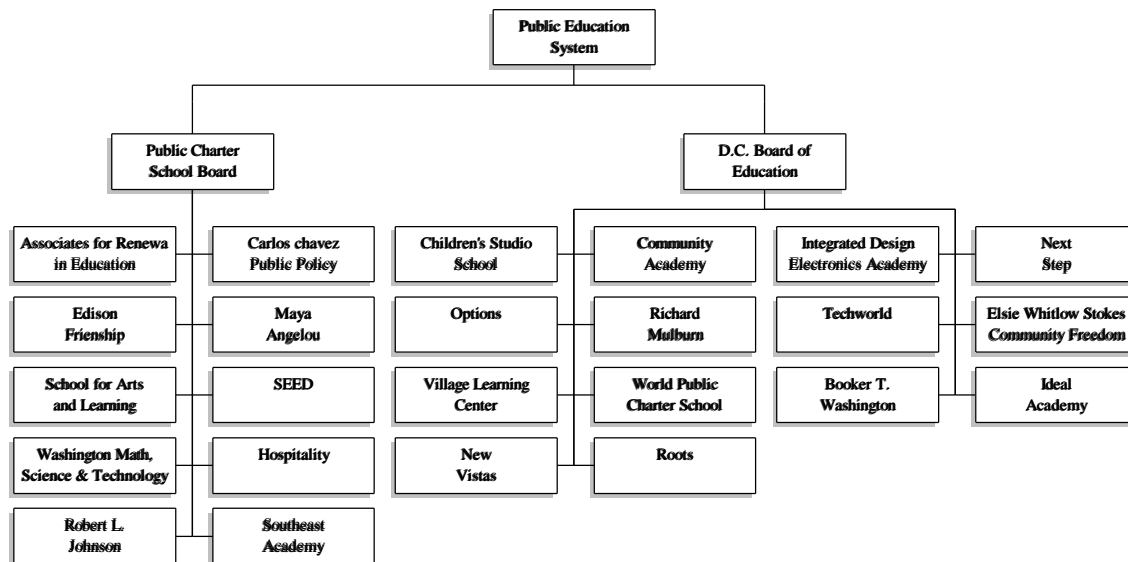
D.C. Public Charter Schools (charter schools) were established through the enactment of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995. The charter schools are self-governing autonomous public schools. The charter schools exercise exclusive control over educational programs, expenditures, administration, personnel, and instructional methods within authorized limitations.

In the District of Columbia, two chartering authorities govern public charter schools: the Board of Education and the Public Charter School Board. The current 11 D.C. Board of Education members are elected. The seven members of the Public Charter School Board are selected from a list of 15 qualified individuals presented by the U.S. Secretary of Education and appointed by the Mayor in consultation with the DC Council.

In addition to having the powers to approve and revoke charter schools, the two eligible chartering authorities have the following responsibilities:

- Monitoring the operations of each public charter school which has been granted a charter;
- Ensuring that each public charter school complies with the applicable laws and the provisions of the charter granted to such school; and
- Monitoring the progress of each school in meeting academic achievement expectations specified in each charter granted.

Additionally, a Board of Trustees governs each individual public charter school in a manner consistent with the charter granted to the school and the provisions of current law. The standards for selecting members of a Board of Trustees of a public charter school are established pursuant to the individual charter granted to the school.



FY 2001 Proposed Operating Budget

In FY 2001, the public education system, DCPS and charter school, will continue to receive allocations for schools according to the D.C. Council's "Uniform Per Student Funding Formula." The funding formula determines the amount of operating funds for DCPS and charter schools, as mandated by the D.C. School Reform Act of 1995. Based on the D.C. School Reform Act of 1995, the budget for public charter schools should be composed of the official enrollment count taken in October of the preceding fiscal year multiplied by the established per pupil funding formula. In FY 2000, the October enrollment report stated that there were 6,980 students in public charter schools. However, the enrollment audit also identified a considerable number of students who did not meet the residency requirement of providing three forms of identification. The proposed FY 2001 budget is comprised of 6,090 students multiplied by the foundational funding level of \$5,728. The proposed FY 2001 budget has additional funds to address the designated special needs of the students attending charter schools and facilities allotment.

The charter schools' budget for FY 2001 is \$50,591,000 in local funds or \$22,707,000 over the FY 2000 approved amount of \$27,885,000. The increase is comprised of an inflationary provision in the per-student funding formula and an increase in the number of schools chartered during FY 2000. However, the two chartering authorities have granted provisional approval for eight new charters in FY 2001 (school year 2000-2001) and the addition of new grades in the existing 27 charter schools. If these charters were approved, 35 charter schools would operate in the District in FY 2001 (school year 2000-2001). Moreover, if the eight provincial charters and the addition of new grades to the existing charters materialize in the coming school year, the proposed budget may not provide sufficient funds.

In school year 1999-2000, 27 charter schools were in existence. In school year 2000-2001, the chartering authorities have granted eight provincial charters, highlighted. The FY 2001 column is a projected enrollment count by the chartering authorities.

| Board of Ed. Public Charter School | FY 1999 Count (Audit Report) | FY 2000 Count (Audit Report) | FY 2001 Projected | Public Charter School Board | FY 1999 Count (Audit Report) | FY 2000 Count (Audit Report) | FY 2001 Projected |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Children's Studio | 84 | 75 | 132 | Arts and Tech. Academy | 0 | 393 | 665 |
| Community Academy | 300 | 494 | 764 | SAIL | 64 | 72 | 106 |
| Hyde Leadership | 0 | 245 | 320 | Meridian | 0 | 84 | 365 |
| Integrated Design Electronics Academy | 100 | 160 | 200 | Southeast Academy | 0 | 571 | 750 |
| Ideal | 0 | 132 | 150 | Edison-Friend | 1218 | 2022 | 2748 |
| Richard Milburn | 132 | 165 | 350 | SEED | 40 | 71 | 120 |
| New Vista's Prep. | 0 | 124 | 150 | Hospitality | 0 | 62 | 130 |
| Next Step | 36 | 45 | 60 | Cesar Chavez | 60 | 120 | 180 |
| Options | 99 | 99 | 135 | Maya Angelou | 45 | 52 | 75 |
| Roots | 0 | 61 | 61 | Washington Math, Science and Tech. | 200 | 325 | 355 |
| Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom | 31 | 67 | 120 | Associates for Renewal | 0 | 33 | 50 |
| Young Technocrats | 413 | 0 | 0 | Carlos Rosario Int. | 400 | 668 | 600 |
| Techworld | 147 | 263 | 350 | Paul | 0 | 0 | 725 |
| Village Learning Ctr. | 120 | 238 | 450 | Sasha Bruce | 0 | 0 | 70 |
| Booker T. Washington | 0 | 250 | 350 | Tree of life | 0 | 0 | 74 |
| World | 48 | 89 | 200 | New School for Enterprise and Development | 0 | 0 | 150 |
| Kamit | 0 | 0 | 50 | Washington PCS for Academic Excellence | 0 | 0 | 550 |
| Jos Arz | 0 | 0 | 190 | Capital City PCS | 0 | 0 | 174 |
| TOTAL: | 1510 | 2507 | 4032 | TOTAL: | 2027 | 4473 | 7887 |

FY 2001 Proposed Operating Budget**(Dollars in Thousands)**

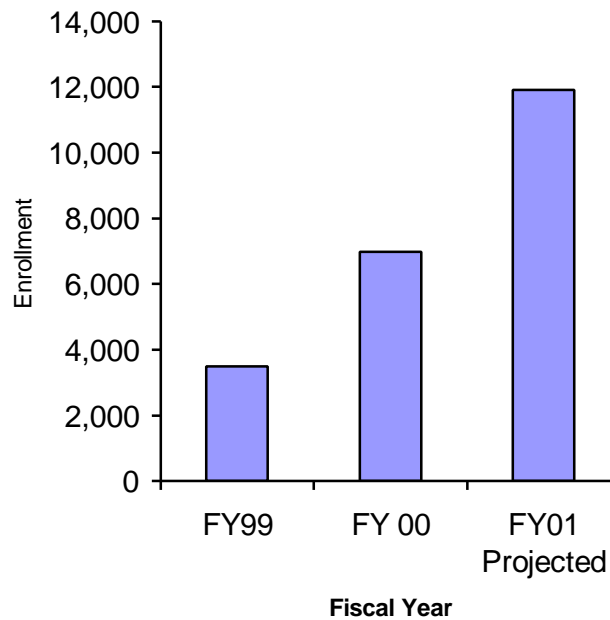
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| Object Class | FY 1999 Unaudited | | Budget FY 2000 | | Proposed FY 2001 | | Variance | |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| Subsidies and Transfers | 25,239 | | 27,885 | | 50,591 | | 22,707 | |
| Subtotal for: Nonpersonal Services (NPS) | 25,239 | | 27,885 | | 50,591 | | 22,707 | |
| Total Expenditures: | 25,239 | | 27,885 | | 50,591 | | 22,707 | |
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| Authorized Spending Levels by Revenue Type: | FTEs | Dollars | FTEs | Dollars | FTEs | Dollars | FTEs | Dollars |
| Local | 0 | 11,113 | 0 | 27,885 | 0 | 50,591 | 0 | 22,707 |
| Federal | 0 | 14,126 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total: | 0 | 25,239 | 0 | 27,885 | 0 | 50,591 | 0 | 22,707 |

Figure 1

In FY 2001, enrollment in the public charter schools is projected to increase to 11,919.

In school year 1998-1999 (FY 1999) enrollment in the public charter schools was approximately 3,500 students. In SY 1999-2000, enrollment increased to approximately 6,980; in SY 2000-2001, the chartering authorities project enrollment to increase to 11,919 students, or approximately 240 percent from SY 1998-1999.

**Figure 2**

FY 2001 Proposed Charter School Funding Based on October 1999 Enrollment

Enrollment *(excluding expansion of existing schools and projected enrollment of newly established charter schools beginning in School Year 2000-2001)*

The amount of funding drastically increased from FY 1999 to FY 2001 due in part to newly established charter schools opening in School Year 1999-2000. If the eight provincial charters and the addition of grades in the existing charters materialize in SY 2000-2001, then funding may exceed the proposed budget of \$51 million.

